

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Election/Restrictions

The Office Action alleges that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I (Figs. 4, 5, 9 and 10); and

Species II (Figs. 6, 7, 8 and 11).

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 14 and 21 are generic. Applicant therefore elects Species II, with traverse.

Applicant submits that the following claims read on Species II: 1-6, 14, 17-20, 21, 22 and 24.

By way of traverse Applicant submits that since the independent claims of this application are generic, all claims should be examined on their merit.

Paragraphs 7, 9, 10, 33, 39, 57 and 59 of the specification are amended to correct typographical errors.

Claims 3 and 19 are amended to correct dependency.

Claim 4, line 3, is amended to correct a lack of antecedent.

Claims 8 and 11-13 are amended to eliminate ambiguity with respect to elements to which reference is made.

Claim 17 is amended to provide proper continuity between claims 14 and 18-20.

Claims 18, 20, 22 and 23 are amended to correct typographical errors in which "pin adapter" is corrected to read --adapter pin--.

Claim 22 is also amended to correct a typographical error in which the article "a" was omitted from line 5.

Claim 24 is amended to correct a typographical error in which "one of" is deleted from line 9 because no alternatives are recited.

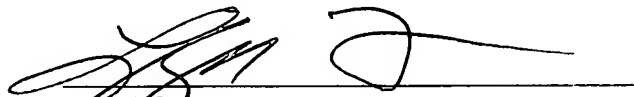
REPLACEMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 1-11 with attached Figures 1-11.

This application is now considered to be in a condition for examination on its merits.
Favourable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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